

HA-1804  
1925  
Bel Air  
Private

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FRAMEWORK FOR IDENTIFYING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

3. Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period:

  x   11. Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930

      12. Modern Period 1930 - present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme:

2. Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community  
Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Architecture

Historic Environment: Urban

Historic Function and Use: Private Residence

Known Design Source: unknown

**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC SITES

Survey No. HA-1804

Magi No.

DOE   yes   no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Kunkel House

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 307 Hickory Ave. n/a not for publication

city, town Bel Air    vicinity of    congressional district 3rd

state MD county Harford

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u>  </u> district	<u>  </u> public	<u>X</u> occupied	<u>  </u> agriculture <u>  </u> museum
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	<u>  </u> unoccupied	<u>  </u> commercial <u>  </u> park
<u>  </u> structure	<u>  </u> both	<u>  </u> work in progress	<u>  </u> educational <u>X</u> private residence
<u>  </u> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<u>  </u> entertainment <u>  </u> religious
<u>  </u> object	<u>  </u> in process	<u>  </u> yes: restricted	<u>  </u> government <u>  </u> scientific
	<u>  </u> being considered	<u>  </u> yes: unrestricted	<u>  </u> industrial <u>  </u> transportation
	<u>X</u> not applicable	<u>X</u> no	<u>  </u> military <u>  </u> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Dr. and Mrs. Philip Heuman

street & number 307 Hickory Ave. telephone no.: 838-7141

city, town Bel Air state and zip code MD 21014

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Courthouse liber 402

street & number    folio 525

city, town Bel Air state MD

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title   

date    federal    state    county    local   

depository for survey records   

city, town    state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☒ excellent  
☐ good  
☐ fair

### Check one

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing resource count: two

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An exterior chimney, also painted white, rises against the south gable between the main block and the sun room. As is typical of the style, the wide gambrel roof is pierced by large, 3 bay shed dormers front and rear. Double-hung sash windows, 6/1, are paired in the end bays of the first story front and north elevations and in both dormers. The second story middle window is shorter, front and rear. The windows are flanked by green wooden shutters and, in the summer, shaded by green and white striped canvas awnings. The flat-roofed entrance porch in the middle bay of the front is carried on square posts and shaded, in summer, by three awnings. The enclosed hipped-roof porch across the northern 2/3 of the rear (east) elevation, which houses part of the kitchen and knotty pine room, is original and has a pair of casement windows to the south. The 2 story, rectangular, clapboard gable-roofed garage has a gabled dormer with 2 6/6 double-hung sash windows which is set into the west roof and wall.

Entry is into a square entrance hall with the closed-string stair beginning in the south wall (toward the living room) and dog-legging along the rear of the hall. It has a square newel and square post balustrades; a pair of similar balustrades guard the stair opening in the center of the upstairs hall. The original front door has 4 shallow panels with 4 arched windows above.

To the south of the hall are the living room, which has a fireplace with a Cardiff green marble hearth and a white colonial mantel in the south wall, and the sun room, with casement windows and a built-in bookcase to the east of the chimney. The original fireplace was red brick. The original woodwork has a beaded lintel with a small cornice. To the north of the hall is the dining room which has acquired a chair rail and crown molding. To the east are a knotty pine paneled room and (north) the kitchen. A small powder room was installed in the space taken from the dining room.

Upstairs are 4 bedrooms. The bath has its original tub and black and white tile. The ceiling of the bathroom is tiled also, which is unusual.

The floors are hardwood with a narrow parquet band outlining them.

The partially finished basement has a non-working stone fireplace with stone mantel shelf supported on 3 stone brackets. The room has quarry tile floor.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1925 Builder/Architect Bull & Culp

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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Gwynne Holden bought the property in 1946. Holden is the father of Todd Holden, whose photography shop is in the John Keith House, 30 East Pennsylvania St. [HA-1467, and Todd Holden lived in the house as a youth. The Holdens sold it in 1953 to Dr. Philip W. Heuman who renovated the garage into his office.

The house has seen some alterations. The game room in the basement with its stone fireplace (non-functional) was built by the Kunkels. The knotty pine room probably dates to the 1950s and may have been done either by the Kunkels or the Holdens. The living room fireplace was given its marble hearth and colonial mantel by the Heumans, who also took a bit of room from the dining room to install a powder room and gave the dining room its chair rail and crown molding.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Harford County Land Records.  
The Aegis.  
Site visit, 11 June 1993.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name Bel AirQuadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 380 in the Town of Bel Air, 31,200 Sq. Ft.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Dr. Marilyn M. Lareworganization \_\_\_\_\_ date 6-28-93street & number RD 1 Box 219 New Park Rd. telephone 717-993-3557city or town New Park state PA 17352

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CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032

HA-1804  
Kunkel House  
307 Hickory Ave.  
Bel Air, MD 21014

owner: Dr. Philip W. Heuman

402/525            7 Oct 1953  
Gwynne L. Holden and Jean Todd Holden  
to  
Philip W. Heuman and Marguerite E.  
lots 1-10, block A in Ingleside

293/385            14 Feb 1946  
Dora B. Kunkel and John W.  
to  
Gwynne L. Holden and Jean Todd Holden  
same land

239/ 195 and 196, 16 Dec 1935, straw deeds to and from  
Frank Jacobs to put 4 parcels of land in Dora Kunkel's  
name. Parcel 2 is lots 1-7 and parcel 3 is lots 8-10,  
both in block A, Ingleside.

title to parcel 2:  
195/392            17 July 1925  
Samuel E. Dameron and Cora F.  
to  
John Kunkel and Dora  
lots 1-7, block A in Ingleside

189/497            12 May 1923  
J. Edwin Webster and Dora R.  
to  
Samuel E. Dameron and Cora  
lots 1-4, block A in Ingleside  
with restrictions on selling or renting to African-  
Americans and on the price of houses to be built.

189/498            12 May 1923  
J. Edwin Webster and Dora R.  
to  
Samuel E. Dameron and Cora  
lots 5-7, block A in Ingleside  
with restrictions

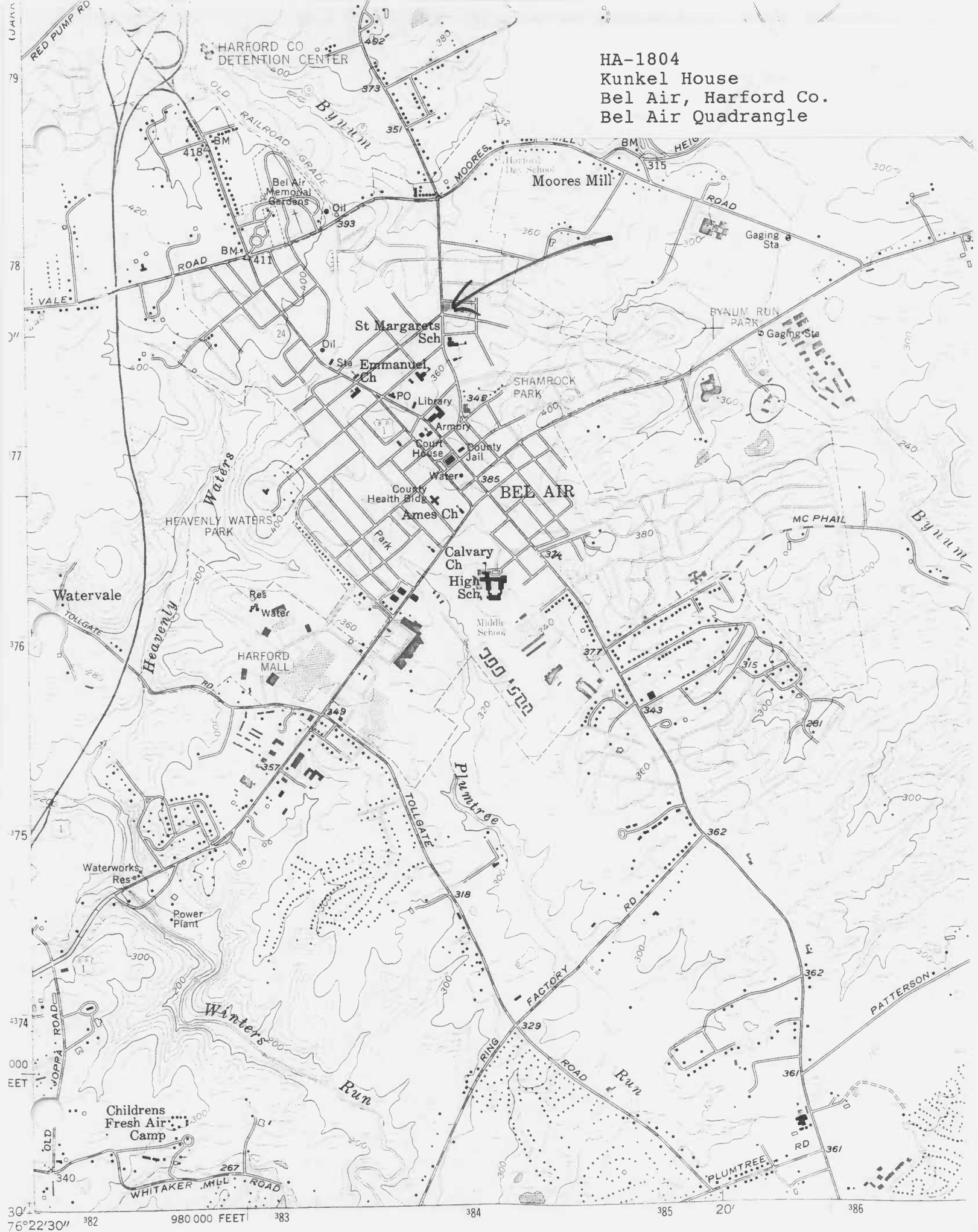
title to lots 8-10:  
193/325            3 July 1925  
E. Hall Bedford and Alice M.  
to  
John N. Kunkel and Dora B.  
lots 8-10, block A in Ingleside  
\$1000

189/294            11 Aug 1924  
Carl Todd and Eva  
to  
E. Hall Bedford and Alice M.  
same land  
\$955

part of:  
unrecorded        12 May 1923  
J. Edwin Webster and wife  
to  
Carl Todd



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Bel Air Quadrangle





H. 2-1900

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H. 2-1900

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W. E. 1

2-1900

307 N. HICKORY AVE.  
BEL AIR



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N. EL  
205

307 N. HICKORY AVE  
BEL AIR



HA-1704  
KUNKEL HOUSE  
HA-1702  
C. J. KUNKEL  
6/03  
34-01  
S. E. L. R.  
3-07-5

307 N. HICKORY AVE.  
BEL AIR





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KUMBE. HAST

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307 N. HICKORY AVE  
BEL AIR



HA-134

KUNKLE, ERIC J. JR.

HARFORD COUNTY

C. D. 1374

6/52

SHAW

M. E. 1

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307 N. HICKORY AVE.  
BEL AIR